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Claims:

1. A method of operation of a SCSI enabled device, said method comprising the steps of:

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receiving a message parity error message over a SCSI bus;

determining whether said SCSI enabled device is in a data transfer state;

10 if said SCSI enabled device is in a data transfer state, then generating a response message to an initiator, said response message notifying said initiator device that a previous data transfer operation will be recommenced.

2. The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said response 15 message notifies said initiator device that said data transfer operation will recommence from the start of said data transfer operation.

3. A method of operating a SCSI driver, said method comprising the steps of :

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carrying out a data transfer phase;

receiving a message parity error message following said data transfer phase; and

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sending a restore data pointer message, after receiving said message parity error message.

4. The method as claimed in Claim 3, comprising the step of:

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sending a message instructing recommencing said data transfer phase after sending said restore data pointer message.

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5. A SCSI enabled device, comprising:

5   means for receiving a message parity error message over a SCSI bus;

means for determining whether said SCSI enabled device is in a data transfer state; and

10   means for generating a response signal to an initiator device from which a data transfer phase was initiated, said response message notifying said initiator device that a previous data transfer operation will be recommenced.

6. A SCSI driver comprising:

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means for carrying out a data transfer phase;

means for receiving a message parity error message following said data transfer phase;

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means for recognising that a message parity error message has occurred immediately after a data transfer phase; and

means for sending a restore data pointer message, after receiving said

25   message parity error message.

7. The SCSI driver as claimed in Claim 6, wherein said driver operates to send a message for recommencing said data transfer phase after sending said restore data pointer message.

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8. Program data for instructing a processor to perform SCSI operations said operations comprising:

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determining whether a SCSI message parity error message has been received;

5   determining whether said device is in a data transfer state;

if said device is in data transfer state, generating a response message, said response message for notifying a SCSI initiator device that a previous data transfer operation is to be recommenced.

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9.   The program data as claimed in Claim 8, stored on a program data storage media selected from the set;

a CD-ROM;

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a magnetic data storage medium.

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